

Public Meeting Comments

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Page	GENERAL / OVERALL	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	1. Add chapter numbers to the table of comments	PIF		Change Recommended
	2. Add page numbers to map pages	PIF		Change Recommended
	3. Likes that the POCD identifies areas where development could/should occur and areas where conservation could/should happen	PIF		
	4. Overall – Feels this is a solid POCD with wonderful strategies	PIF		
	1 – INTRODUCTION	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	5. No comments			
	2 – CONDITIONS & TRENDS	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	6. No comments			
	3 –NATURAL RESOURCES	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	7. No comments			
	4 –OPEN SPACE	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
28	8. Likes concept of open space connections / network and suggests that specific properties be identified and targeted for preservation.	PIF	Referenced in Action Step #2	No Change Necessary?
	5 –COMMUNITY CHARACTER	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	9. No comments			
	6 –SUSTAINABILITY / RESILIENCY	Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	10. No comments.			

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7 –NEWINGTON TOWN CENTER		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
37	11. Concerned about the Town Center since it has Cedar Street which carries high traffic volumes at high speeds with a lot of noise. Wonders how this can be addressed.	PIF	Charrette process will address this. The Town Center area could be focused internally so that Cedar Street is at the edge rather than the core.	No Change Necessary?
8 – OPPORTUNITY AREAS / SITES		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
51	12. Newington Junction area – resident strongly opposed to any development which might affect existing homes, reduce industrial zoning, reduce tax revenue, bring more traffic, or otherwise change the character of the area	PIF		TPZ Discuss?
51	13. Newington Junction area – wonders why a charrette was not done years ago for this area. Feels Newington needs a plan for this area that residents are on board with.	PIF	POCD could recommend a charrette process	TPZ Discuss?
52	14. Supports the idea of redesigning / redeveloping the Berlin Turnpike in order to promote/support Grand List growth in Newington	PIF	POCD recommends this	No Change Necessary?
54	15. Does not support any proposal of one TOD zone for all TOD areas. Feels each area is unique.	PIF		TPZ Discuss?
9 –ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
55	16. Feels the Town needs to pay attention to where Grand List growth is going to come from and the POCD and the zoning map are keys to this.	PIF	This Chapter talks about the need for economic development	No Change Necessary?
55	17. Feels that Newington has to get to 3-5% Grand List growth otherwise local taxes will go up	PIF	POCD could incorporate a specific numerical goal (as a policy, not an action step)	TPZ Discuss?
55	18. Feels Newington is in a transitional stage where retail (one of Newington's historic strong points) is changing and we need to find ways to provide for mixed use areas with services and experiences to attract people. We have great locations that other towns don't have and so we should explore all these opportunities.	PIF		TPZ Discuss?
55	19. We need to continue to encourage small businesses and industries	PIF	Mentioned in POCD	No Change Necessary?

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10 –RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
65	20. Where are the opportunity sites for affordable housing?	PIF	The opportunity areas were identified because the availability of transit and utilities could accommodate additional housing in the future in a walkable village type configuration	No Change Necessary?
66	21. Not sure of the need for an inclusionary zoning requirement in Newington since we already have a very diverse housing stock.	PIF	We have a more diverse housing stock than many other communities but additional diversity (age, cost, etc.) will likely still be needed in the future	TPZ Discuss?
66	22. POCD needs to continue to be sure that residential areas are protected	PIF	Mentioned in POCD	No Change Necessary?
11 –COMMUNITY FACILITIES		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	23. No comments			
12 – VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	24. No comments			

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13 – PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE & TRANSIT		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
78	25. Supports the concepts of widening roadways and/or narrowing travel lanes to better provide for bicycles	PIF	Mentioned in POCD	No Change Necessary?
78	26. Concerned about bicycle strategies due to traffic volumes on local streets. Will Newington need more traffic calming to make this work?	PIF	(See #28 below)	No Change Necessary?
78	27. Feels the region needs a monorail radiating out from Hartford (N/S/E/W) which would go above existing streets	PIF	Monorail beyond Towns ability	No Change Necessary?
79-81	28. Would like to see better <u>integration</u> of pedestrian / bicycle / transit so they are seen as an overall system and not as stand-alone issues. Show how we can configure local streets to promote more bicycle use and how we can get more people to and from transit stops without having to use a car. The POCD should show this <u>systematic</u> approach on one map or should recommend that it be done as soon as possible as a supplement to the POCD.	PIF	Recommend that a local working group be established ASAP to start addressing this Add an action step to form a temporary study committee	Change Recommended
80	29. Requests the bicycle map include more local roads	PIF	(See #28 above)	No Change Necessary?
82	30. Feels the strategy for more parking at Cedar Street Fastrak station will only attract more out-of-towners. Rather than provide parking for them, Newington should use these sites for development that benefits the community.	PIF		TPZ Discuss?
14 – UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	31. No comments	PIF		
15 – IMPLEMENTATION		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
89	32. Need to be sure that local boards and commissions are on board with the POCD and its implementation.	PIF		No Change Necessary?
89	33. Recognizes that POCD doesn't mean that something <u>will</u> happen but that efforts should be organized to support making these types of things more likely to happen	PIF		No Change Necessary?
	34. Hopes that this POCD will not be like other plans and studies which have sat on shelves.	PIF		No Change Necessary?
16 – CONCLUSION		Source	Comment / Suggestion	Possible Action
	35. No comments			